

## **BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

### **Minutes of the Regular Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Thursday, November 17, 2005**

#### **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

The regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, November 17, 2005, at 3:00 p.m., at Police Headquarters, 1300 Beaubien, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

##### **Board Members Present**

Erminia Ramirez **(ABS)**  
Jim Holley  
Mohamed Okdie **(ABS)**  
Willie Hampton  
Arthur Blackwell II **(ABS)**

##### **Department Personnel Present**

Chief Ella M. Bully-Cummings  
AC Walter Martin  
Sgt. Romel Alexander  
P.O. Kent Cooper

##### **Board Staff Present**

Dante' L. Goss, Executive Director **(ABS)**  
Lawana Ducker, Personnel Director  
Denise R. Hooks, Attorney/Supervising Inv.  
Arnold Sheard, Interim Chief Investigator

#### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Ms. Walters

#### **RECORDERS**

Terence Bell  
Robert Brown

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

**Vice-Chairperson Holley** called the regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 3:25 p.m.

**Vice-Chairperson Holley** acknowledged the presence of Board members and staff.

**Vice-Chairperson Holley** stated we are waiting on another board member, but, as of now, we are a Committee of the Whole.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Tabled the approval of the minutes from November 3, 2005.

3. **REPORT FROM THE CHAIR**

**OATH OF OFFICE**

**Vice-Chairperson Holley** swore-in Mr. Carlton Meriwether, who was appointed as a Police Commission Investigator for the Office of the Chief Investigator.

**Vice-Chairperson Holley** swore-in Ms. Roslyn A. Banks, who was appointed as a Police Commission Investigator for the Office of the Chief Investigator.

**Vice-Chairperson Holley** swore-in Mr. John B. Patterson, who was appointed as a Police Commission Investigator for the Office of the Chief Investigator.

4. **SECRETARY'S REPORT – EXEC. DIR. GOSS**

**OFFICE CLOSING**

The Board of Police Commissioners' Office and the Office of the Chief Investigator will be **CLOSED** on the following dates:

- Thursday, November 24, 2005 and Friday, November 25, 2005 in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

**CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED**

	<b><u>This Week</u></b>	<b><u>Year to Date</u></b>
<b>2005 - Weekly Count of Complaints:</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>1342</b>
<b>2004 - Weekly Count of Complaints:</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>1447</b>

- The Office of the Chief Investigator (OCI) closed a total of **10** cases this week.
- The Office of the Chief Investigator submitted **2** cases to the Chief's Office.
- The Chief's Office has reviewed and returned **8** cases to OCI.

**5. PRESENTATION/REPORT-CHIEF OF POLICE**

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# *Detroit Police Department*

## *Report to the Board of Police Commissioners*

### ***“Building a Safer Detroit Through Community Partnerships”***



*The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and businesses. This effort is not possible without the joint commitment of the community and the Police Department. We appreciate and value the role our citizens have played in helping us to take the guns and drugs off the streets of the city of Detroit.*

### **SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS**

#### **Narcotics/ Gang Enforcement**

During the period of October 4th-October 10th, Narcotics /Gang Enforcement conducted 24 search warrants and 50 street enforcement actions within the boundaries of the city of Detroit, resulting in the following arrests and confiscations:

- 34 Felony arrests
- 154 Misdemeanor arrests
- 6 Juveniles detained
- 152.8 Grams of cocaine, 77.3 grams of heroin, 5,047 grams of marijuana— street value **\$220,448.00**
- **\$15,029.00** in U.S. Currency

Confiscated:

- 11 Handguns

#### **Homicide**

On October 7th, officers from Homicide responded to the area of Hull and Robinwood on a “Fatal Accident” run. An investigation revealed that as a five year old boy was walking down the street, he was chased into traffic by a large dog. A man driving his vehicle at a high rate of speed, the wrong way on a one way street, struck the boy causing massive injuries. The man never stopped his vehicle. The child was conveyed to Children’s Hospital where he was pronounced dead. Further investigation resulted in the arrest of the driver for “Manslaughter-Motor Vehicle,” “Failure to Stop at a Fatal Accident,” “Driving While License Suspended,” “Negligent Homicide” and “Habitual 2nd Offense.”

#### **Special points of interest:**

##### **• Next meeting:**

Thursday October 20, 2005  
@3:00 P.M.

**Police Headquarters**  
1300 Beaubien Suite 328-A  
Detroit, MI 48226

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#### **Violent Crimes Task Force**

On October 3rd, officers from the Violent Crimes Task Force in conjunction with Repeat Offenders Program were requested in helping locate an abducted three (3) year old female. An investigation revealed that the child was taken from the front of her house. As a result of this investigation one (1) man was arrested for “Parental Kidnapping.” The child was returned to her mother, unharmed.



It's time once again for Detroiters to stand together for Angels' Night, October 29-31. Each year, roughly 50,000 Angels' Night volunteers patrol city streets, turn on their porch lights and watch over their neighborhoods. We need the help of every caring Detroiters to continue to keep our city safe. For Additional Information, Please call the Volunteer Office Number at (313) 224-4415.

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## *Police / Community Intervention*

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### Northeastern District



On October 7th, officers from Northeastern District responded to the 3700 block of Gratiot on a "Breaking and Entering—Business" run. An investigation disclosed that as three (3) men were attempting to burglarize a store two security officers from the Faygo plant recorded the situation and notified 911. As a result of an investigation and with the assistance of the two security officers, three (3) men were arrested without incident for "Breaking and Entering Business," "Larceny from a Building" and "Habitual 3rd Offense."

### Eastern District

On October 5th, officers of the Eastern District responded to the area of Reno and Eastwood on a "Robbery/Un Armed—Citizen" run. An investigation revealed that while an elderly man was walking down the street a man approached him from behind and knocked him to the ground. He then proceeded to punch the victim in the face while demanding money. The elderly man was able to give officers a detailed description. As a result of this investigation and after a brief foot chase the wanted man was arrested for "Assault with Intent to Rob."

### Central District

On October 5th, officers from the Central District responded to the area of "Montcalm and Park on a "Breaking and Entering Motor Vehicle in Progress" run. An investigation revealed that a witness observed a man attempting to break into his friend's car and called him on the phone. When the friend arrived they detained the man until officers made the location. The man was arrested without incident for "Breaking and Entering Motor Vehicle" and "Felony Motor Vehicle Advisory."

### Western District

On October 4th, officers of the Western District responded to 19701 Wyoming (Beaubien Middle School) on a "Felonious Assault in Progress" run. Upon arrival officers observed several women beating a woman with metal pipes. Subsequent to an investigation two (2) women were arrested without incident and three (3) female juveniles were detained for "Assault with Intent to Commit Great Bodily Harm" and "Felonious Assault."



### Southwestern District



On October 6th, officers of the Southwestern District responded to the 7000 block of American on a "Felonious Assault of a Postal Carrier" run. An investigation revealed that while attempting to deliver mail the postal carrier was approached by two (2) men who began hitting him. When the postal carrier fell to the ground the men continued to kick him in the face. As a result of this investigation one (1) man was arrested for "Assault with Intent to do Great Bodily Harm."

### Northwestern District

On October 7th, officers of the Northwestern District responded to the 19000 block of Tracey on a "Kidnapping" run. An investigation revealed that a man picked up the mother of his daughter. When the woman was left alone in a room she grabbed the child and fled the home to an awaiting car. With the assistance of the Michigan State Police AMBER Alert and The Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) the child was located and reunited with her father.

**Chief-Bully-Cummings** reminded everyone about the Hurricane Relief Fundraiser on Friday, November 18, 2005, at 6:00p.m. at Masonic Temple.

## **7. OTHER BUSINESS**

**Vice-Chairperson Holley** asked Atty. Hooks is there anything you would like to share with the Board?

**Atty. Hooks** stated she did have a request for a withdrawal of an appeal petition; however, we lack a quorum, so no motion can be taken.

She asked the Chief about Thanksgiving preparation and what streets will be closed.

**Chief Bully-Cummings** stated the route is going to be exactly as last year. Unfortunately, the only difference is that there will be no mounted police because the horses have been displaced.

**Vice-Chairperson Holley** asked who will pay for the service of the police officers for this event.

**Chief Bully-Cummings** stated that the administration decided that the Thanksgiving Parade and the Fireworks will not be invoiced for police services.

## **8. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, November 22, 2005 @ 3:00 p.m.  
Police Headquarters, Room 328-A  
1300 Beaubien  
Detroit, MI 48226

## **9. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE**

There was no oral communication.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**DANTE' L. GOSS**  
Executive Director  
Board of Police Commissioners

**DLG/rb**